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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR YEOH KHAY GUAN
AS NEXT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

Singapore - 15 August 2019 – Professor John Eu-Li Wong will be passing the leadership baton to Associate Professor Yeoh Khay Guan on completion of his tenure as the Chief Executive of the National University Health System (NUHS). Associate Professor Yeoh is currently the Deputy Chief Executive of the NUHS and will take over as the Chief Executive with effect from 1 January 2020. Associate Professor Yeoh is concurrently a Senior Consultant with the Department of Gastroenterology, National University Hospital (NUH). He also served as Dean of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS) from 2011 to 2018.

“We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for Professor John Wong’s leadership. In his distinguished 27-year career with the NUHS, Professor John Wong has served the organisation with great dedication and vision, and has been instrumental in transforming NUHS into the comprehensive and learning academic health system that it is today,” said Mr Hsieh Fu Hua, Chairman of the NUHS Board.

“Associate Professor Yeoh Khay Guan is a distinguished clinician-scholar, educator and leader. This will hold him in good stead as he takes over the helm as the new Chief Executive.” added Mr Hsieh.

In his capacity as Deputy Chief Executive, Associate Professor Yeoh has been leading the clinical care planning and health system transformation for the NUHS. Highly regarded among his peers for his leadership, Associate Professor Yeoh is also well respected for his deep passion for the advancement of clinical care through research for the benefit of patients. He is the Lead Principal Investigator of the Singapore Gastric Cancer Consortium, a national flagship research group.

“I am humbled and honoured to be given the privilege of leading the NUHS in its next phase of growth. Professor John Wong has led the expanded NUHS with great distinction and commitment through excellence in care, research and education. I will build on the strong foundation

developed by my eminent predecessors to further improve the health of our population and the delivery of healthcare for the average person,” said Associate Professor Yeoh.

With the re-organisation of public healthcare in 2017, Professor Wong’s stellar leadership has been instrumental in bringing the expanded NUHS to greater integration, providing not just excellent care for patients but emphasising value and intensifying efforts at prevention and maintenance of health, and shaping medicine and transforming care through research and education. Professor Wong’s ability to draw and create synergistic partnerships and encourage collaboration with some of the world’s most respected academic healthcare institutions and individuals have created many exciting opportunities for the NUHS and Singapore.

Professor Wong will continue to contribute at a senior level with the NUS and NUHS. He will also be Special Advisor to the NUHS Board.

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About the National University Health System (NUHS)

The National University Health System (NUHS) aims to transform how illness is prevented and managed by discovering causes of disease, development of more effective treatments through collaborative multidisciplinary research and clinical trials, and creation of better technologies and care delivery systems in partnership with others who share the same values and vision.

Institutions in the NUHS Group includes the National University Hospital, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Jurong Community Hospital and Alexandra Hospital; three National Specialty Centres -

National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS), National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS) and National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS); the National University Polyclinics (NUP); Jurong Medical Centre; and three NUS health sciences schools – NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (including the Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies), NUS Faculty of Dentistry and NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health.

With member institutions under a common governance structure, NUHS creates synergies for the advancement of health by integrating patient care, health science education and biomedical research.

As a Regional Health System, NUHS works closely with health and social care partners across Singapore to develop and implement programmes that contribute to a healthy and engaged population in the Western part of Singapore.

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Associate Professor Yeoh Khay Guan is the Deputy Chief Executive of the National University Health System (NUHS) and faculty member of the National University of Singapore (NUS). He practices as a Senior Consultant at the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, National University Hospital (NUH).

In his capacity as Deputy Chief Executive of NUHS, A/Prof Yeoh has been leading the clinical care planning and health system transformation for the NUHS. He is the Lead Principal Investigator of the Singapore Gastric Cancer Consortium, a national flagship research group which aims to improve the survival outcomes for gastric cancer in Singapore, and is also Chairman of the National Colorectal Cancer Screening Committee of the Health Promotion Board (HPB) and the Ministry of Health (MOH), which recommends guidelines for the national colorectal screening programme in Singapore.

A/Prof Yeoh's research interest is in enhancing the early detection of gastric and colorectal cancers. He has published over 170 peer-reviewed papers in international journals, 9 book chapters and has an H-index of 50 with over 7,700 citations.

A/Prof Yeoh served as Dean, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS from 2011 to 2018. During his tenure as Dean, he was instrumental in the augmentation of the undergraduate medical curriculum and pedagogy. A/Prof Yeoh set up the Medical Grand Challenge, a medical student-led innovation programme that encourages inter-faculty collaboration to identify healthcare needs and explore creative solutions to address these challenges.

A/Prof Yeoh was awarded the National Outstanding Clinician Scientist Award by MOH in 2013, and conferred the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 2016 for his multifaceted contributions to healthcare and the medical profession in Singapore.